

# BERKSHIRE CENTRE CARAVAN AND MOTORHOME CLUB.

Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2026 at Padworth Village Hall.

The Chair opened the meeting at 18:55.

## Present

Chair	Phil Tidbury	Committee	Stuart Bradley (Zoom)
Vice Chair	Mark Parker		Steve Moulds
Secretary	Jane Tuthill		
Treasurer	Ian Grover		
Rally Secretary	Joanne De'Ath		

## 1. Apologies

Phil advised that Greg was stepping back from committee for a couple of months.

## 2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

Minutes were proposed by Ian Grover and seconded by Mark Parker.

## 3. Matters Arising.

### 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Item 4b.** Ian to send invoices to CS&R and KC Improvements for website adverts. Ongoing.

### 5<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Item 4k.** Replacement water signs. Jo can print them with her Cricut machine. Steve to liaise with Jo. Ongoing.

**Item 5.** Phil has tried to change the SquareSpace fee to an annual payment but was unable to complete the bank verification. Will need to do it with Ian.

**Item 6c.** Advertise the wooden Berkshire Centre window plaques made by Colin Moore on the website. Ian has emailed Colin to ask if they are still available but hasn't had a reply. Ongoing.

### 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Item 4c.** Dinton Pastures rally elsan disposal. Need to arrange a date to visit the site. Ongoing.

**Item 6a.** Multiple rally gifts. Mark has found several companies making engraved glasses/vases/bowls, etc. Will bring some images and prices to the next meeting. Ongoing.

**Item 6l.** Order glass mementos for next year's trophies. Check how many the Centre already has before ordering any more. Ongoing.

### 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Item 4b.** Colleton School has been asked to raise an invoice for the AGM rally. No response to date.

**Item 6g.** Personalised Berkshire tow hitch covers and t-shirts. The company supplying the tow hitch covers have changed the fabric to a plasticised version which is not suitable for Jo's Cricut machine. Jo has contacted a company that can print them – minimum order of 25. Jo has asked if they can produce a mock-up image of our coloured logo on a white oval/circle background on a burgundy tow hitch cover before proceeding any further – no reply yet.

Jo had ordered the t-shirts from Amazon so can check the invoice to see if it includes VAT before a price can be set for selling them.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2025

**Item 4a.** Jane asked the Division about the invitation to join the Meets & Rallies website and they forwarded it to Governance. Governance has contacted all Centres to see who has been invited. They will engage with the creator of the website to explore whether there is any potential benefit for the Club and in the meantime advise Centres to be cautious before sharing any information.

**Item 4b.** Action the cancellations from the Christmas Party rally. Three have been refunded as agreed; one hasn't replied to Ian's email.

**Item 4c.** A request for rally officers for Colleton School (Rally Officers' meeting), Stedham Mill, Newbury Show, Swiss Farm (September), AGM, Colleton School (Lantern) and New Year has been on Facebook and the monthly newsletter. Grovers and Tuthills have volunteered to run the March rally at Colleton School as a St Patrick's Day rally.

**Item 4j.** Ian has updated the News page on the website.

**Item 6a.** Jo investigated the stage lighting at Dinton Village Hall. The control panel was located and plugged in. No instructions on how to use it.

**Item 6e.** Ian will be printing special rally envelopes for the Burns Dinner Dance. Standard rally envelopes are in progress.

## 4. Reports

### a. Chairman's Report

Phil read out a letter of complaint from Wendy Goddard about last week's New Year rally which she ran with Joanne and Carol Gallagher. Only two other Berkshire members attended with the other spaces taken mostly by the invited West Hampshire Centre. She was disappointed with the lack of support from Centre members and committee and comments made by West Hampshire Centre members at the rally.

A lengthy discussion took place about her complaint and the rally.

Joanne resigned from the committee and left the meeting.

### b. Treasurer's Report.

- The 2025 accounts are almost completed – just a couple of expenses to include.
- Payment for the web hosting account with 34sp.com has been changed to the Centre's debit card.
- It was agreed to change the Zoom licence to an annual payment charged to the Centre's debit card.
- 50 bookings for the Burns Dinner Dance have been received to date plus 2 people for the meal only. Ian commented that it is proving difficult to deal with the racecourse.

### c. Rally Secretary's Report.

No report.

### d. Secretary's Report.

- Jane has received an email from Nick Lomas (CAMC Director General) announcing the new Chief Executive will be the current Director of Marketing and Membership Services, Harvey Alexander. Harvey will take over as Chief Executive from 23 February.
- Jane has received an email from Jon Laws (CAMC Financial Controller) to advise that all Centres will receive a fixed grant of £1,150 irrespective of membership numbers. Ian said this is slightly less than we received last year.
- Jane has ordered the 2026 rally bars.

**e. Division Report.**

The next meeting will be held by Zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> February. The Division Administrator, Linda Allen, is now on a three month holiday. Anne Phillips has agreed to cover for Linda during her absence.

**f. 200 Club Report.**

£305 has been raised for the 2026 200 Club. Mark has given Ian a list of the draw dates to put on the website.

The final draw for 2025 was held at this meeting.

**g. Competitions Officer Report**

Nothing to report.

**h. Health and Safety Officer Report.**

Stuart commented that his personal Facebook account has been cancelled due to not having a date of birth recorded.

**i. Communications Officer Report.**

Phil asked if he could be made an Admin of our Facebook account whilst Greg is stepping back and Joanne is no longer on committee. Mark will ask Greg.

**j. Webmaster's Report.**

Ian commented that the 200 Club draw dates have been added.

**k. Equipment Officer Report.**

Steve has bought a new padlock for the Centre shed and gave the spare key to Phil. Steve commented that one of the electric griddles didn't work at the new year rally. He will look for a replacement if it can't be fixed.

**5. New website**

Committee watched a video created by Jack Tidbury about the new booking system. Phil asked everyone to watch the video again at home and send comments to Jane to collate.

**6. A.O.B**

a) Steve asked how the rally officers' information would be sent out now that Joanne has resigned. Phil will ask Joanne for a handover of her information.

b) Mark commented that some drone shots were on the Centre's Facebook. Jane said that Club guidance is that drones are not permitted on rallies. Mark said the rules for flying drones have become more stringent since 1<sup>st</sup> January. Ian referred to a lengthy document on Box about the revised Drone and Model Aircraft Code.

c) Committee discussed the entertainment for the 2026 Christmas Party. It was decided to have a disco on the Friday night and a live act on Saturday. All were asked to look for suitable acts.

Jane suggested holding the children's party as a standalone event on a different date at a venue closer to home. Discuss at next meeting.

d) Jane asked if the Mytchett rally could be put on the website without the What's On details. Committee agreed.

e) Steve asked if a template could be provided for rally officers to input their rally details to ensure all relevant information was provided.

f) Fixed cost sites. Is it putting ralliers off booking when a price depends on numbers attending? Ian will check past rallies so that a realistic price can be set in advance.

**7. Future Rally Arrangements.**

<b>Venue</b>	<b>Flag</b>	<b>200 Club</b>
Cheltenham	Phil	

Next Meeting on **Monday** 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00 pm at Padworth Village Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 21:32

## Actions Summary

<b>4th March 2025</b>		
4b	Send invoice to CS&R and KC Improvements for website adverts.	Ian
<b>5th August 2025</b>		
4k	Replacement water signs. Steve to liaise with Jo.	Steve/Jo
5	Change SquareSpace fee to an annual payment from the Centre's account when the next offer is available.	Phil/Ian
6c	Follow up contacting Colin Moore to see if wooden Berkshire window plaques are still available. Ian to pay Colin for the four already made.	Ian
<b>7th October 2025</b>		
4c	Visit Dinton Pastures to discuss elsan disposal at the rally.	Phil
6a	Multiple rally gifts. Mark will bring some images and prices to the next meeting.	Mark
6l	Order glass mementos for next year's trophies. Check how many the Centre already has before ordering any more.	Mark
<b>4th November 2025</b>		
4b	Ask Colleton School to raise an invoice for the AGM rally.	Jane
6g	Ask for mock-up of our colour logo on a tow hitch cover.	Jo
<b>2nd December 2025</b>		
4b	Action the outstanding cancellation from the Christmas Party rally.	Ian
6e	Print rally envelopes.	Ian
<b>5th January 2026</b>		
4a	Respond to Wendy Goddard's complaint	Phil/Jane
4f	Publicise 2026 200 Club in next newsletter.	Jane
4i	Ask Greg to make Phil an Admin on Facebook.	Mark
4k	Electric griddle – repair or replace.	Steve
5	Watch the video about the new rally booking system and send comments to Jane to collate.	All
6a	Ask Joanne for a handover of the rally secretary's information and processes.	Phil
6c	Live act for the Christmas party rally.	All
6d	Add Mytchett rally to the website.	Jane
6e	Created a template for rally officers to provide their rally details.	?
6f	Check previous site fees at fixed price venues.	Ian